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2 injured in Anderson accident

Men working on main transformer when it short-circuited

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Anderson Hospital remained on auxiliary power Wednesday following an accident Tuesday involving its main transformer that critically injured two electricians.

Surgeries were back on schedule Wednesday and the hospital's computer system was up and running again, hospital spokesman Natalie Head said.

While parts of the building remained without power, several generators were brought in to provide electricity for the main building. That left the hospital's existing back-up power supply available if needed, Head said.

Repairs were expected to be done by Friday.

The accident occurred at 11:05 a.m.

'There was a flash — but there was not a fire, though it did generate some smoke.'

Keith Page
Anderson Hospital

Tuesday when two electricians from Rite Electric Co. in Granite City were attempting to tap into a line in the hospital's main transformer, located in a basement boiler room.

This caused a short-circuit in the system, severely injuring the men, said Keith Page, Anderson's chief operating officer.

John Williams and Michael Isaacs were initially treated in Anderson's emergency room for burns before being airlifted to St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis, Page

said. Both were listed in critical condition there late Wednesday afternoon.

No other information about the victims was available Wednesday. Officials from Rite Electric Co. did not return several telephone messages.

The incident tripped the hospital's fire alarm.

"We were aware something occurred," Page said, noting that the lights in his own office flickered at the time. While the fire alarm sound-

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Emergency training pays off

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

The staff at Anderson Hospital deal with other people's emergencies every day.

But on Tuesday morning, the hospital was faced with one of its own.

"The training we consistently do paid off," said Ray Heinen, Anderson's administrative director of support services. "The plan bore out tremendously. We've gotten very positive response from a lot of sources including insurance adjusters and medical personnel."

Heinen said the hospital has plans for both external and internal disasters. Each outlines duties and responses for a variety of employees.

We sort of employed both of them," Heinen said of Tuesday's incident in which two electricians were severely injured while working on the hospital's main transformer. "We established some protocol for the future."

Those plans also put staff members

into roles outside their normal duties.

On Tuesday, office staff became guides in the Physician's Office Building, while nurses greeted visitors at the hospital's doors.

Disaster training, which includes fire drills, is done quarterly and for all shifts, Heinen said. Different emergencies are identified by code.

Tuesday's accident was at first a "code red" or fire, Heinen said.

"That means that a lot of people

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JOHN SWISTAK JR. / Herald
A police officer looks on as an emergency helicopter flies away with one of two injured electricians.

Reynolds deemed fit for trial

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

A Granite City woman accused of killing her 2-year-old daughter has been found mentally fit to stand trial.

Mary Reynolds, 31, allegedly stabbed her daughter, Toni Ray Lucas, in the head with a boning knife after she was fighting with her brother and claimed to be the devil.

Toni died a few days after the stabbing.

At a hearing on Tuesday, Circuit Judge Charles Romani Jr. ruled Reynolds was fit to stand trial and was to be transferred to the Madison County jail. Previously, Reynolds had been held at Alton Mental Health Center.

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Charges stem from incidents at taverns

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A convicted felon was charged Wednesday with attempted murder in the shooting of another man in a Venice bar last Saturday.

Joseph L. Watt, 38, of Venice, was charged Wednesday with one count each of Class X attempted first-degree murder and aggravated battery with a firearm.

As of Wednesday Watt was not in custody. Bond was set at \$500,000.

The 24-year-old victim, who was shot four times in the chest, back and leg, was listed in serious condition in

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a St. Louis area hospital.

According to reports, at about 2:30 a.m. Saturday police received a report of a shooting at the tavern.

When they arrived, police found the victim laying on the ground with multiple gunshot wounds to the chest.

Several witnesses identified Watt as the alleged shooter.

The victim was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City and later airlifted to a St. Louis

hospital.

A .38-caliber handgun was recovered at the scene.

A spokesman for the Illinois Department of Corrections said on Wednesday that Watt had been convicted and sentenced to three years in prison for aggravated battery in 1991.

He served about one year, and was released from parole in 1995.

In an unrelated case, Tracy R. Young, 27, was charged with aggravated battery in the stabbing of her ex-boyfriend at another Venice bar.

The 44-year-old victim was treated

for stab wounds in the leg at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City and then released.

Young said she had been at the Robin's Nest tavern with friends, saw the victim and started to argue about child support.

She said the argument turned into a fight, and she became afraid of the victim and pulled a pocket knife, stabbing him in the leg.

Both the victim and a witness, his current girlfriend, said the suspect ran out from behind a van and started stabbing him with no warning.

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SCOTT KELLY / Press-Record

Hazardous drill

—These two men don't yet realize they are probably "dead." The two participants in the Hazardous Waste Course at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus did not notice the radioactive warning sign before they entered the plane. The two were training to handle hazardous materials, as sponsored and trained by the Operative Plasters and Cement Masons International. The inflated rubber glove taped on one member's hood indicates he is the team foreman. For more on the hazardous waste course, see People on Page 1C.

OPINION

SERVING YOU BETTER

Welfare to Work coming in Illinois

By Tom Holbrook

As many of you may know, legislation passed out of the General Assembly last year and was signed by the Governor to make Illinois a "Welfare to Work" state.

Without a doubt, the reforms made in this new law are going to change the welfare system as we know it today. This initiative will take people off the public dole and put them to work.

The legislation will require 25 percent of our healthy adult welfare recipients to take employment this year, and 50 percent by 2002. The only individuals who will be exempt from this program will be people older than 60 years old and those with children younger than 1 year old.

There are currently around 600,000 Illinoisans on welfare, and many of them are children. Because of the large number of children on welfare, we include a provision in our legislation to protect them.

The bills we passed allow the state to increase funding for day care programs by more than \$100 million so an additional 150,000 poor children could be watched while their parents work.

This is very important provision, ensuring that the children are not put at risk by this program while their parents begin new jobs. Another provision we enacted is an assurance that welfare recipients are not taking the jobs of higher paid workers.

This was important to protect the families in our community who have secured jobs for themselves and have tried to make a decent living. At the same time however, it gives some individuals who have never served in the work force a definite start toward turning their life around and becoming self-supported working class citizens.

Another provision we enacted is an assurance that welfare recipients are not taking the jobs of higher paid workers.

The legislation also creates several deterrents for welfare law breakers. The new law will, in effect, ban all people convicted of serious drug-related crimes from ever collecting public aid. Furthermore, the new law will make probation and parole violators ineligible for cash assistance and food stamps.

With these two provisions, we are sending a strong message by taking away the benefits of those individuals who choose to abuse the system.

In sum, this program gives Illinois five years to remove hundreds of thousands of healthy adults off the public dole.

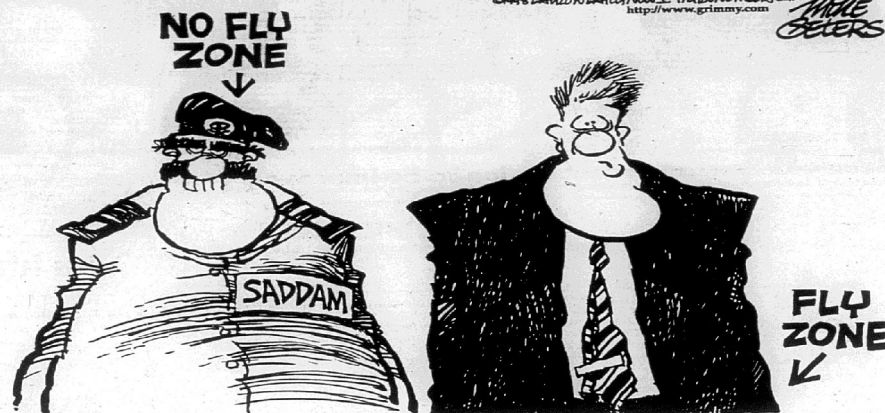
Many organizations, both public and private, such as the United Way and others, have concerns about this program depends upon the continuing growth of the job market in Illinois.

This issue will need to be addressed, and certainly other wrinkles will appear, I am confident.

I hope this column has been helpful in highlighting some of the details of the new welfare reform laws.

If you have any questions about this legislation or any other state issues, please call me at my district offices at 394-2211 in St. Clair County or 451-0200 in Madison County.

You can also e-mail me at tholbrook@house.il.us.



FARM GUY

El Nino felt beyond weird weather

Well here it is the middle of February, the weather outside is frightful, cold, snowy and dreary — NOT!

This is the year of the mighty El Nino, the effects of which have played a major part in not only the weather in the Midwest but around the world.

How is the severity of El Nino measured? According to Mark Zandi, chief economist with the Climate Diagnostic Center University of Colorado at Boulder, the severity is measured best by various indices constructed and maintained by the Climate Diagnostic Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, based on characteristics such as sea surface temperatures, sea level pressure and surface winds.

How severe is this year? Well, the current El Nino may rival 1982 as the most severe on record.



David Schumacher

But just what does it mean to me, you, us, the consumer? The biggest economic impact of El Nino, according to Zandi, include an increased likelihood of natural disasters causing higher agricultural prices. This is already happening.

Reports coming out of California detail millions of dollars worth of damage to produce crops, and now there are concerns by almond growers that El Nino is hindering bees from heading into the groves to pollinate the budding almond trees.

Major El Nino events have been associated with higher food prices in previous years. In the years following each of the El Ninos, the CPI for food rose by an average of close to 5 percent. This compares to a 3 percent rise the year prior. If history is any kind of guide, Zandi said we will feel the impact of food increases next year.

The impact is not only on agriculture but on many other industries as well. What about the energy market? Have you noticed your heating bill has been somewhat less than last year? Warmer weather means less demand, and that means better prices for the consumer, although the energy market is determined on a global market it is still felt on the local level.

Here is one I bet you didn't consider. Retail sales will feel the pressure of El Nino in areas where they are experi-

encing the big storms. They have bigger concerns than shopping, and those experiencing warmer-than-normal temperatures are not looking to buy turtle-neck sweaters when it is 60 or 70 degrees.

And the construction industry may be well ahead of schedule going into summer. The economic impact may not be felt for some time because of the uncertainty of just how severe the weather affects certain parts of the world. We here in the Midwest must be thankful for the weather we are having and hope and pray for those who are less fortunate.

Until next week, keep the e-mail coming.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where is county's Land Use Plan

TO THE EDITOR:

Madison County has a Land Use Plan. The original intention of the plan was to protect the residents of Madison County from "would be" developers who disregard flood plain hazards and pose risks to other property owners.

We now know that Land Use Plan was "lost" and not resurrected until July 1997. The Madison County Board cited the Land Use plan when it defined Mitchell's incorporation but it seemed that only the economic viability of Mitchell was the issue and not flooding or damage problems.

In addition to impeding Mitchell's incorporation effort, the Board approved resolutions to review future attempts to form cities or annex ter-

ritory. It is now February of 1998. Newspapers have reported annexations by Pontoon Beach, Edwardsville and Granite City — no mention of any consideration by the Board.

In the last month, a highly controversial annexation is being considered by Granite City, that is the proposed annexation of property owned (sic) by Steve Lathrop to build a \$2 million housing and commercial development in an area that has major flooding and drainage problems. It seems that this is the time to such consideration has been reported.

Also Mr. Lathrop and Granite City intend to ask Madison County to help finance this project (\$400,000 — this means the county taxpayer) — this development has previously filed bankruptcy. Furthermore, the residents in the adjacent areas are very concerned that this development will

seriously undermine the existing drainage system for both surface and ground water. The plan for the reservoir may help the Lathrop property but what will it do to his neighbors. Is his "word" good enough for their well being?

If the Madison County Board is really concerned about the residents of Madison County, I would hope that this situation will be studied and probed by all agencies involved and all ramifications of this action evaluated.

MARY TRIMMER Mitchell

Vote for Poshard

TO THE EDITOR:

There is many good reasons why I am going to vote for Glenn Poshard for governor of Illinois.

The first, Rep. Poshard is probably the best Democratic candidate for Governor in the state of Illinois since the great Adlai Stevenson. Glenn Poshard can be elected and a down state governor is something we have definitely needed for some time.

Second, Poshard refuses all PAC money. Putting commitment into practice, Poshard refuses donations from political action for governor, he will abide by the limitations suggested in the Simon-Stratton report, going even further by refusing corporate and PAC contributions. Poshard will challenge his opponents to do the same, including reasonable limits on their spending.

Third, Poshard is truly a hard worker. Roll Call Magazine has twice recognized Glenn as one of 10 "workhorses," not "showhorses," who knuckle s down, shuns the spotlight, pays a lot of attention to local issues,

and who will work hard to meet challenges of our state.

And finally, Rep. Poshard has a record of getting things done for working people. He has created jobs, as chairman of the Illinois Senate Labor and Commerce Committee, he led efforts to reform as a member of the Senate education committee, and helped write one of the most comprehensive education reform acts in history appropriations. Poshard also has his list of accomplishments, such as the passage of the Illinois Wilderness Act of 1990, setting aside thousands of acres of forests in Illinois for future generations to enjoy.

MIKE HOLLIDAY JR.
President
Young Democrats
Madison County
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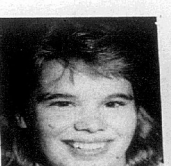
VOICE BOX

What is the most important thing your children have taught you?



"To be patient. Now that I have a child, I like kids a lot more. I also get less angry than I did before."

Amy Neutzling, 20
Edwardsville
Customer service
representative



"Patience and to respect the needs of others."

Karen Stewart, 25
Scott AFB
Customer service
representative



"Patience and to appreciate sleep more now that my wife and I don't get much anymore."

Steve Sager, 32
Alhambra
Manager of a
hardware store



"How precious life is and that children are a gift from God."

Dana Metzger, 32
Collinsville
Orthodontist's
assistant



"Patience and not to worry about trying to control everything."

Neisha Ruffin, 21
East St. Louis
Mom

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The YMCA may be moving from its long-time site at 2001 Edison Ave. for greener pastures.

Despite improvements, YMCA looking to move

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The Tri-City YMCA is moving forward with plans to find a new facility in the area. At a recent meeting, the board of directors began creating a strategic plan for short- and long-term goals. The recently reorganized board, made up of the YMCA board members and the Mayor's Youth Center Committee, reviewed the feasibility of the new facility. "It is our goal to begin an active search for property and set specific, measurable, attainable and timely goals for a new facility in the Tri-City area," said John Papa, YMCA board president, in a prepared statement.

Richard Whittmann, executive director of the Tri-City Area YMCA, said the organization is looking for a new facility mainly because the building at 2001 Edison Ave. is a "1928 vintage building in need of major rehabilitation."

"We've narrowed it to (about) three different locations," Whittmann said. The board also formed a long-range planning committee, to create a plan that will lead the YMCA for the next five years.

The Tri-City YMCA has a long-standing history dating back to 1924. The Y has supported numerous successful programs

including Teen Town and a variety of swim and fitness classes. The Y has also enjoyed an increase in membership, partly because of the overall improvements to the facility.

Whittmann cited the cleanliness of the facility, as well as new equipment such as cycles, treadmills and free weights. The organization's financial picture has also improved. It has operated in the black the past three years while still maintaining reasonable membership prices.

"I suggest if you haven't been to the Y in a while, to stop in and check us out. I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised," Whittmann said.

•Hospital

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ed, he stressed there was neither an explosion nor a fire. "There was a flash — but there was not a fire, though it did generate some smoke," Page said. The emergency also triggered an immediate response by the staff, acting on one of

the hospital's disaster plans. "We have various plans for events like this," Page said. Maryville firefighters were called to the scene, where they used fans to clear smoke from the basement. The hospital's first floor was cleared and the adjacent Physician's Office Building was evacuated. There

are no patient rooms on the first floor and no patients were removed from the hospital following the accident. Despite the loss of power, there was no interruption of service for about 30 percent of the hospital, which automatically switched to auxiliary power.

"Patient care was never jeopardized at any time," Page said.

Becky Ward of Granite City, a private caregiver, was also visiting at the hospital at the time of the accident. A former operating room nurse, though not at Anderson, Ward thought the people were milling out of the building for another reason.

"I thought it was a fire drill," she said. "Hospitals do those routinely."

By Wednesday afternoon, Head said only a few areas, like classrooms, still were without power. The largest effect was on the building's cafeteria. Workers had managed to get one of the kitchen's grills running, however.

•Training

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changed the scenario to an emergency medical situation, Heinen said. And for one of those, it couldn't have happened in a better place. "If there is one bright spot in any of this, it's the fact that it happened in a hospital where emergency care was so

readily available," Heinen said. "That is the one thing that greatly helped this otherwise bad situation."

Heinen said the entire incident was under control "within minutes" because of the quick response of both Anderson staff and Maryville firefighters, he added.

News in Review

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

School funds to fall short

Figures supplied by the Illinois Board of Education had estimated that in the 1998-99 school year, Granite City Community Unit School District #9 would receive an additional \$2.8 million. However, District 9 Superintendent Steve Balen said district officials have discovered the figure will be far less. The actual figure, he said, will be about \$1.8 million.

The state package raised the student foundation level to \$4,225 from \$3,132 per student in the 1996-97 school year. In the next two school years, the foundation level would increase each year by \$100 to \$4,425.

With \$100 increases in each of the subsequent two years, we can anticipate only the same level of funding as was received over the previous three years, he said.

As part of the education package, the state set aside \$1.6 billion for capital improvements. However, it seems much of that money will go to the Chicago area.

While being labeled as "legislation to repair our crumbling infrastructure," the money seems to be directed solely at districts requiring new buildings and new classrooms, Balen said.

Madison approves housing sites

Three possible sites for the first construction in the city of Madison's housing improvement program have been given tentative approval by city officials.

That program and a proposed subdivision ordinance were discussed Thursday by the City Council at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Madison city officials have been considering the use of Madison County Community Development funds to build "spec" homes in the city, which would then be purchased by residents.

By encouraging new home building and ownership, officials want to improve the housing stock in the city. Mayor John Hamm has said he hopes to build at least one new home in each of the city's four wards.

Haine: Seizures justified

The recent seizure of hundreds of video poker machines is not about charging and jailing local tavern owners or officials from fraternal groups.

Nor is it about protecting the interest of state-regulated gambling boats.

It's about upholding the law, says Madison County State's Attorney William Haine, something he said is not being done by the owners of two local vending businesses who own the machines.

Instead, Haine said his order to seize machines owned by Mike Clover of Troy and Richard GeBauer of Collinsville was prompted by evidence that the machines are part of a gambling operation that yields hundreds of thousands — if not millions — in illegal cash each year.

Haine said he will take his case to the grand jury this week, seeking indictments against both men on charges that include gambling and obstruction of justice.

On Thursday, Assistant Police Chief Ed Delmore said Collinsville officers were assisted by Illinois State Police and local police at five other locations throughout Madison County in removing 38 more of GeBauer's machines. Some of the machines came from Flo's, Chain of Rocks Road in Mitchell, and Scotty Joe's, 520 Madison Ave. in Madison.

Entrepreneur Lanter dies at 64

Wayne E. Lanter, 64, the Belleville businessman who started as a milkman and built his company into one of a half-dozen "national players" in the specialty warehousing and distribution business, died Monday, Feb. 23, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

In addition to his business, headquartered in Madison, Lanter was a board member of Magna Bank, St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City and McKendree College. In 1996 he was the recipient of the college's Excellence in Enterprise Award and recognized by Ernst & Young as an Entrepreneur of the Year in 1993.

Lanter, president and CEO of his company, was also involved in numerous community and charitable organizations, including the United Way, the YMCA, and the Catholic Church.

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LOCAL NEWS

AROUND THE AREA

Here's what happened around the Metro East in the past week:

Cahokia Tax implementation awaits action

Cahokia's one-quarter of 1 cent sales tax increase may not go into effect until Jan. 1, 1999, depending on the outcome of a bill now before the Illinois General Assembly.

The bill, sponsored by State Rep. Wyvotter Younger, D-East St. Louis, and Sen. James F. Clayborne Jr., D-Bellefonte, would enable the village to implement the tax on July 1.

State Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Bellefonte, co-sponsor of the bill, said it would allow home rule municipalities to file sales tax ordinances with the state on a semi-annual basis instead of once a year.

According to the village, the Cahokia Board of Trustees passed the ordinance in November after voters approved the sales tax increase.

Illinois Department of Revenue spokesman Mike Klemens said municipalities must file ordinances by Oct. 1 to begin collecting revenue. IDOR is not opposing efforts to increase the filing deadline to twice a year.

Columbia

Library pays off \$250,000 mortgage

Friday afternoon at one o'clock the Columbia Public Library board finished a job it began more than three years ago — paying off the \$250,000 mortgage for the institution's \$450,000 expansion in 1994.

Head Librarian Wanda Ketrone gave Joe Gundlach, area Magna Bank community president, a check for \$5,325.75. It was the last payment on mortgage held by the bank.

Gundlach complimented the library for the way it handled the note and Ketrone thanked the bank for funding the library's project.

Edwardsville State takes over cemetery

The management of Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville has been taken out of

the hands of its owner.

Lawrence Esterlen is no longer in charge at Valley View and no longer running this on a day-to-day basis. State Comptroller Loretta Didrickson told nearly 50 concerned residents Thursday at Edwardsville City Hall.

Loretta Linsenmeyer, a 77-year-old widow, is supposed to be buried at Valley View Cemetery when she dies. She said Thursday she would hate to be buried in a place that looks so runchy.

Didrickson said that people like Linsenmeyer shouldn't have to worry now that cemetery owner Lawrence Esterlen is officially out of the picture.

East St. Louis

Agency grants awarded

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis has awarded \$53,000 in Youth Development Fund grants to 15 St. Louis area youth organizations.

Included were three East St. Louis agencies: the Lansdowne Improvement Association, Bakari Institute Director and East St. Louis Community Camp.

The idea behind the Youth Development Fund is to put caring adults in the lives of disadvantaged African-American youth.

The fund began in 1996 as an initiative of the National Urban League and now operates in Chicago, St. Louis and Springfield, Mass.

Unlike some charities, all YDF donations go directly to organizations. Administrative costs in the first three years are being paid through a \$1 million Monsanto Fund grant.

Donations are primarily sought from individuals. St. Louis Urban League President/CEO James H. Buford said.

Most oppose plan

The East St. Louis School District 189 Board of Education will vote Thursday on merging East St. Louis Senior High School and Lincoln Senior High School.

District officials say the merger will consolidate resources and create stronger athletic and academic programs. The athletic and academic programs, which the state is likely to condemn next school year.

Under the merger, all ninth graders would attend East Side and Hughes. Quinn-Rock students would move to Lincoln. East Side would have about 3,000 students.

Sixth graders would attend junior high school so that elementary class sizes could be reduced.

At a public hearing Thursday, the board heard testimony from about two dozen people, many of whom spoke against the merger.

Olympic medalist Al Joyner, one of Lincoln's many famous alumni, traveled 3,000 miles to speak at the hearing.

Belleville

Shooting leaves 1 dead

A shooting Sunday at the intersection of West D and North 1st streets in Belleville left a 15-year-old dead and his 21-year-old brother wounded.

Detective Roger Bartfield said that DeAndre Coleman, of Belleville's Hospital, pronounced dead after a shooting that occurred in a group of about 30 people. DeAndre Coleman's brother, Revere Coleman, was listed in fair condition at the hospital on Monday.

Detective Don Sax said the shooting was an extension of another fight between two females. Police responded to that call around 5:30 p.m. on Sunday in the same vicinity.

St. Clair County

Figures show real estate market is strong

If January is any indication, the area real estate market will be strong in 1998.

Gienna Ard, manager of Coldwell Banker in Belleville, said the number of homes sold and placed on the real estate market in Belleville last month was very comparable to last year.

Belleville had 482 homes on the market in January 1997, she said.

As of Feb. 1, 1998, there were 461 homes listed in Belleville.

For the past year, Ard has tracked where homes were sold. In January, Fairview Heights, Mascoutah, O'Fallon, Shiloh, Swansea and Waterloo.

Overall, Ard said that the real estate market was "pretty strong" in January.

Some markets remain stronger than others. For instance, new homes, as well as those homes in the \$100,000-\$125,000 and \$150,000 to \$200,000 price ranges "are hot" currently, Ard said.

O'Fallon homes appearing on the market in the \$125,000 to \$150,000 moved slower in January. While 38 of these homes were listed in January, only two were reportedly sold, Ard said.

Meet "Jonas" — This 1-year-old male domestic short hair is among many homeless animals available for adoption from the Metro East Humane Society. He is neutered and sweet. He loves to play. To adopt Jonas, Card 128C, apply in person at the shelter, 8495 Illinois 143, Edwardsville, or call 656-4405. Shelter hours are 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were recently issued through the office of Mark Von Nida, the Madison County Clerk:

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SPORTS

Kelly sparks Granite to win

Warriors show character in sectional wins

Prove me wrong. Go ahead, make my day. With the loss of four quality wrestlers to its line-up heading into the postseason, the Granite City Warriors wrestling team appeared vulnerable in a sectional they had dominated during the 1990s.

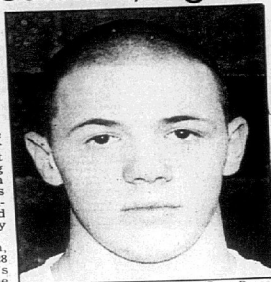
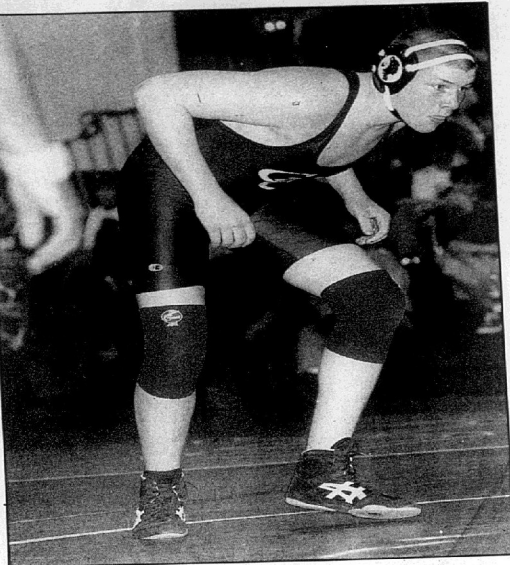
But Tuesday night, Mike Garland's grapplers won an emotional, tight-as-a-drum decision over a very strong Chatham Glenwood squad, then spanked upstart Edwardsville to claim the school's third successive sectional title, and fifth this decade.

Garland likes this team. He likes the way it has fought through adversity. He likes the way the adversity has forged character. And he likes what character can mean come the state finals in Peoria this Saturday.

"This has been a crazy year," Garland confessed. "There's just been one thing after another. We've had problems and suspensions and disappointments. Teammates have let other teammates down. It's been one problem after another all season long. Even tonight (Tuesday), we had (Matt) Werner out of the line-up. There's always something. Every time I turn around, I wonder to myself, 'What's next?'"

"People counted us out a couple of weeks ago, but these kids are determined, these kids are fighters," added Garland. "They have fought through adversity and never quit. That has helped form them into what teams we've ever had at Granite City. We're getting closer each time we go to state. I feel we should have won last year. But, this is a new year and we will do our best. These kids have responded well so far, and that's all I can ask of them."

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ABOVE: John Kelly ignited Granite City with a pin at 140 pounds against Chatham Glenwood on Tuesday night. LEFT: George Mooshegian lost an 8-5 decision.

Kevin Venne's win by fall over Jason Spencer in the 215-pound bout gave Granite City its first lead of the meet, 12-10.

The Warriors moved in front 24-10 before three straight Chatham Glenwood wins — including a major decision triumph by Jered Brunner at 125 pounds — pulled the Redskins within

(See WARRIORS, Page 3B)

Warriors top Redskins, Tigers

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

If the Granite City Warriors shoot through to a state tournament trophy this Saturday at the IHSA Dual Team State Tournament in East Peoria, they will have John Kelly to thank.

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Kelly, a 140-pound senior, won the biggest bout of his high school career Tuesday night at the Belleville West Sectional. With the Warriors clinging to a slim 24-20 lead against Chatham Glenwood with only four matches remaining, Kelly pinned state qualifier Matt Maddox at 3:01 of the second period to put Granite City ahead by 10.

Ignited by the spark of Kelly's win, the Warriors went on to pin a 35-28 defeat on the Redskins. Granite's 52-19 route of Edwardsville in the finals was anti-climatic, as the Warriors advanced to the state finals for the third straight season, for the fifth time in seven years, and for the 36th time overall.

"Kelly ought to run for mayor," said GCHS coach Mike Garland. "That was the biggest match in Granite City wrestling for a long time. And the thing was, it was his 100th career win. What a huge win that is, not only for the program and for the team, but for himself personally. A 100th win is something you can always remember."

What wrestling fans will remember is the enormity of Kelly's win by fall. The Warriors trailed 7-0 before George Kirgan won the 171-pound match, pinning Mike Thompson in 3:06. But the Redskins retaliated as Chad Coffman outlasted Craig Mooshe-

Granite will open state meet with Mt. Carmel

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The pairings are set for the IHSA Dual Team State Tournament this Saturday at EastSide Centre in East Peoria.

Granite City advanced from the Belleville West Sectional, nipping Chatham Glenwood 35-28 and then easing past Edwardsville 52-19.

The 24-0 Warriors draw 22-0 Chicago Mount Carmel in the state quarter-

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finals.

The Caravan won five of the first seven weight classes against Orland Park Sandburg on its way to a 28-15 victory for the Oak Park-River Forest Sectional title. Earlier in the evening, Mount Carmel broke a 12-12 tie on Frank McNaughton's technical fall win against Ben Ihnchak and went on to a 30-22 decision over LaGrange

Lyons.

In other sectional meets involving lower brackets, Moline muscled its way to the Metamora Sectional championship, pounding Pekin 62-9 and Mahomet 47-22. At Wheaton, Carol Stream Glenbard North slipped past St. Charles 33-31 and then tripped Villa Park 30-22 for the Valley Conference rivals had met once previously during

the regular season. Willowbrook had won that meet 30-22. But on Tuesday, Glenbrook North opened a 24-0 lead, winning the first seven matches and cruising to the win.

Rockford East won its own sectional, scoring big wins against Grayslake (66-15) and Cary Grove (50-16). The E-RABS will meet Public League Winner Chicago in the quarterfinals at East Peoria.

(See WRESTLING, Page 3B)

Baker pours in 50 to lead Madison

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

If there was any doubt heading into the Duplo Regional Tournament that Madison's Maurice Baker was over his bout with the flu, it was dismissed Monday night.

Baker, who had been limited to an average of 24 points over his previous two games — more than six below his season average — as he battled severe flu symptoms, erupted for a school-record 50 points against Venice, leading Madison to an 89-64 win in a first-round regional game.

Venice, which had been struggling down the stretch, ended its season at 15-14.

Madison, which has been coming on strong of late, improved to 14-13 and faced top-seeded Duplo (15-8) on Wednesday night.

Though Baker's points took center stage, grabbing headlines state-wide, the Trojans' all-star had a superb all-around game. The 6-foot senior

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grabbed 10 rebounds, dished out nine assists and made nine steals, missing by a whisker a quadruple-double.

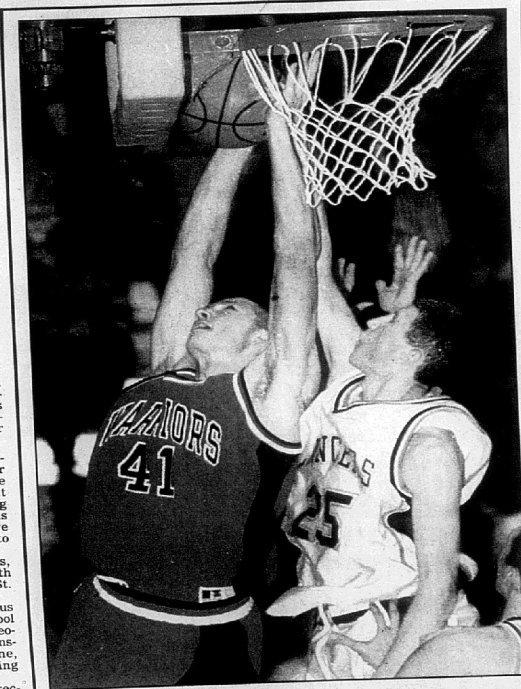
"It was just one of those nights," Baker said. "I'm glad for the win. I don't care about the points. I just knew we needed to win."

With Madison coach Al Collins home with the flu and assistant coach Marcus Spragins mopping the strategy, Madison appeared in trouble early as the Red Devils used a ferocious full-court press and spurred to an 82 lead to start the game.

But when Baker, who had missed his first shot of the game, nailed his patented 3-pointer, it sparked a 30-7 Madison run to close out the first quarter with the Trojans on top 32-15.

After only eight minutes of play, Baker had single-handedly outscored

(See MADISON, Page 2B)



T.L. WITT / Press-Record

Gunning for upsets

Granite City's Chris Tindall (41) tries to score a basket against the defense of Belleville East's Larry Scheller. The Warriors are 11-15 in the 1997-98 regular season but could make some noise in the postseason. They will attempt to topple Cahokia 7:30 p.m. March 3 and then take aim at top seed Edwardsville 7:30 p.m. March 6.

(See EMIG, Page 2B)

Local schools have had share of dynasties

The recent accomplishment of the Granite City High School wrestling program to reach the 1,000-victory mark earlier this month brings to focus other great high school dynasties the Metro East has been blessed with over the years.

This area, arguably the best in the state when it comes to high school sports outside of the Chicago metropolitan area, has prided itself in its rich tradition. Granite City's achievements in wrestling is just another chapter in the book.

The constant in most of the long-term winning tradition at whatever sport has been the longevity of the coach. Bill "Red" Schmitt was at Granite City for 35 years, compiling 581 of those dual meet wrestling wins for the Warriors. Other coaches have followed, including Mike Garland, to keep the tradition rolling.

Because of its high-visibility sports, the area is almost synonymous with Collinsville basketball and East St. Louis football.

Vergil Fletcher's three-decade-plus reign with the Kahoks put the school on the map. When I traveled and people found out that I lived in Collinsville, they automatically asked me, "How's the basketball team doing this year?"

As we know, the Kahoks rank second nationally — behind only Centralia — in most basketball wins by any high school. The Kahoks have two state titles (1961 and '65) to their credit. Fourteen times Fletcher led Collinsville to the supersectional round, winning eight of those. Fletcher's '57 team placed second in the state, his '78 — and last — team was third, and his '50 team took fourth. Current coach Bob Bone has kept the Kahoks tradition rolling.

Before Bob Shannon made East St.

Lincoln blasts Annies, faces Mt. Vernon next

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

It took the East St. Louis Lincoln Tigerettes a while to get going Monday night, but once they did, there was no stopping them.

Led by 27 points from junior guard Rita Adams, Lincoln rolled to a 69-42 win against Centralia in the semifinals of the Centennial Class AA Sectional. The Tigerettes, the No. 2 seed, will face top-seeded Mount Vernon — a 59-48 winner over Belleville East — in the championship game at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

"We executed in spurts, and I'm pleased with the victory," said Lincoln coach Charles McDonald. "There are some things we need to work on, like our mental focus."

The Tigerettes led 14-10 after one quarter, but increased their lead to 22-10 on a pair of free throws by Lakisha Cole with 3:30 to play in the second quarter. A three-point play by Kytetta Walker gave Lincoln a 34-18 halftime lead.

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"The first quarter was kind of a feeling-out time," said McDonald, whose squad is 24-2 heading into Thursday's game. "We had to find out what they could do and what they could not do."

Centralia, the No. 6 seed, rallied from a 19-point third-quarter to beat O'Fallon in the regional championship game on Feb. 19. But even the home-court advantage couldn't help the Orphan Annies against Lincoln.

Things got worse for Centralia in the second half, as the Tigerettes increased their lead to 50-26 after three quarters. Lincoln led by more than 30 points in the fourth quarter before a late Annie's run, led by freshman Loretta Graham, cut the final margin to 27 points.

"They're really quick," Centralia coach Ann Murray said of the Tigerettes.

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SPORTS

Taylorville, Lincoln could meet in Salem Super-Sectional clash

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The East St. Louis Lincoln Tigerettes and the Taylorville Lady Tornados appear to be on a collision course.

If Lincoln can get past Mount Vernon in the Centralia Sectional Complex, and if Taylorville can handle Olney at Bethalto, the squads will square off in the Salem Super-sectional on Monday, March 2. The winner gains a berth in the state quarterfinals at Redbird Arena on the campus of Illinois State University in Normal.

On Monday night in Bethalto, Taylorville, the state's third-ranked team, struggled early against Paris as team leaders Lora Weber and All-American Allison Curtin each picked up two early fouls. Curtin, who left the game with three minutes left in the first quarter, returned late in the second quarter. Weber went to the bench at the two-minute mark in the first quarter and did not return until the start of the second half.

As a result the Tornados (29-1), who never trailed in the game, sputtered to a 19-13 lead after the first eight minutes. The Tigers (18-7) were still within seven (27-20) at the 5:32 mark of the second quarter, when the Tornados closed the half with a 20-7 run to take a 20-point cushion into intermission.

Andrea Payne and Alexis Givens re-

GIRLS BASKETBALL

ly carried the load for us in the first half as two of our key players rode the bench," said Taylorville coach Carol Wilson. "They came in, stepped up and did a good job."

Givens scored 11 points in a supporting role while Payne played a great all-around game, grabbing six rebounds and handing out five assists.

But despite the 20-point halftime lead, as well as 68 percent shooting from the field, Taylorville was in some serious foul trouble.

"When I looked up at the 6:20 mark of the second period and saw that Paris was already in the Super Bonus, I wondered how many times we were going to send them to the line the rest of the half," said Wilson. "I knew they could knock down free throws. Free throw shooting and rebounding have been their keys to success all season long."

The Tigers outscored Taylorville 22-19 in the third quarter, to pull within 66-49 after three. But the Tornados' lead was halved to less than three minutes into the final frame, and the 1997 Class AA bridesmaids won going away, 99-73.

Senior guard Dixie Brazelton led Paris with 23 points, while sophomore Amy

Brinkerhoff scored 17, garnered seven rebounds, and picked up a trio of steals.

Taylorville was fueled by Allison Curtin, whose 35 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and five steals stole the show. Weber, who five assists, five steals and five rebounds, finished with 14 points. Misty Enlow scored 12 points and hauled in 10 boards.

"I thought we struggled the whole game defensively," said Wilson. "We're not used to giving up that many points. Paris did a good job attacking our defense. Other than that, we didn't play too bad a ballgame. We took good shots. We rebounded well. I guess about the only other thing we did was send Paris to the free throw line too many times."

Curtin, who had what Wilson called "a typical game," will attempt to work her magic Thursday against 30-0 Olney East. Richland in the sectional championship game. Olney pulled away from Edwardsville in the last four minutes to claim a 59-44 win.

Olney coach Curt Dobbs was the head coach at Taylorville before taking the helm of the Tigers six years ago.

Olney, the smallest Class AA school in the state after missing Class A by just one student, features classic balance. The starting five seniors have combined for more than 4,000 points and more than 2,000 rebounds in their careers.



JOHN FRESE/Press-Record

East St. Louis Lincoln's Syretha Eckford scored 12 points and grabbed 14 rebounds Monday against Centralia.

Lincoln

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ettes. "They didn't penetrate, but they made the shots from the outside."

(Adams) is a great player, no doubt about it. We didn't have anybody that could match up with speedwise."

The Annies (20-11) had only one senior, starting forward Leyna Edison. They played without starting point guard Jennifer Brink, who suffered a knee injury in the O'Fallon

game. Junior Annie Malekovic started in place of Brink, who is also Centralia's second-leading rebounder.

"Annie played great against O'Fallon, but it's different when all the pressure is on you," Murray said. "The freshman (Graham) came in and did a good job. I didn't feel like we took care of business on the boards, which is something we've done all year."

"It's unfortunate (Brink) wasn't able to play, but who

knows what would have happened had she been there?" McDonald said. "I was more concerned with what we had to do offensively."

Cole and senior Syretha Eckford each had 12 puts or 14 rebounds, while Valerie Smith added 10 points.

"We're looking forward to Thursday's game, but we have to turn it up a notch and play

better than we did tonight," McDonald said. "(Mount Vernon) is well-disciplined and well-coached, but I don't think they're any bigger than we are."

"We need to be more mentally focused than we were tonight. We looked sloppy at times, but when we had to execute, we did. We got a little lazy on defense at the end, but part of that was having the big lead."

BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

Class A Boys Pairings

Master Del Regional

Feb. 23

Game 1: Carlyle 60, Okaville 57

Feb. 24

Game 2: Mater Del 99, Odin 33

Game 3: Central 93, Sandoval 39

Feb. 25

Game 4: Nashville vs. Carlyle, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 26

Game 5: Mater Del vs. Central, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 27

Game 6: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5, 7:30 p.m.

Sparta Regional

Feb. 23

Game 1: Columbia 73, Marissa 54

Feb. 24

Game 2: Red Bud 61, Valmeyer 52

Game 3: Sparta 72, New Athens 52

Feb. 25

Game 4: Gibault vs. Columbia, 6 p.m.

Game 5: Red Bud vs. Sparta, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 27

Game 6: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5, 7:30 p.m.

Dupo Regional

Feb. 23

Game 1: Madison 89, Venice 65

Feb. 24

Game 2: Lebanon 97, Lovejoy 74

Game 3: Freeburg 65, Wesclin 58

Feb. 25

Game 4: Dupo vs. Madison, 6 p.m.

Game 5: Lebanon vs. Freeburg, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 27

Game 6: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5, 7:30 p.m.

Wood River Regional

Feb. 23

Game 1: Roxana 69, Livingston 57

Game 2: Staunton 82, Alton-Marquette 62

Feb. 24

Game 3: Greenville 48, Wood River 41

Game 4: Bunker Hill 58, Metro-East Luther 36

Feb. 25

Game 5: Roxana vs. Staunton, 6:30 p.m.

Game 6: Greenville vs. Bunker Hill, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 27

Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 7:30 p.m.

Benton Sectional

March 3

Game 1: Chester Regional winner vs. Mater Del Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

March 4

Game 2: Sparta Regional winner vs. Springfield Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

March 5

Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 7:30 p.m.

Vandalia Sectional

March 3

Game 1: Litchfield Regional winner vs. Dupo Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

March 4

Game 2: Patoka Regional winner vs. Wood River Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

March 5

Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 7:30 p.m.

Class AA Boys Pairings

Collinsville Sectional

March 2

Preliminary round

(16) Taylorville at (17) Jerseyville, 7:30 p.m.

Emig

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Louis a constant state champion, there were coaches like Wirt Downing and Fred Cameron who didn't have the opportunity coach in the state championship series. Nonetheless, they built an East St. Louis tradition that later became recognized as a national powerhouse during Bob Shannon's days. Before Shannon, Cornelius Perry guided the Flyers to a second-place finish in 1974 in Class 5A. During Shannon's stint, he posted six state championships and two runner-up spots from 1979 through '91. East St. Louis owns the state record with football victories with more than 600.

East St. Louis Lincoln was known as the basketball team of the '80s. The Tigers, with coach Bennie Lewis leading the way, won state titles in 1982, '87, '88 and '89.

Larry Graham had quite a roll when he was coaching basketball at Madison High. The Trojans won state titles in 1977 and '81 and also took fourth in '80.

East St. Louis also has been dominant in track and field, both boys and girls. No one can match the accomplishments of Lincoln's Nino Fenoy, who coached the girls' squads to 14 state titles and three seconds between 1978 and '94. The Tigers boys track teams also have won five state titles, including four straight from 1981-84 under big Art Marshall.

East St. Louis Senior has posted seven state titles in boys track, while also placing second seven times and third four times. Fifteen of those high places have come between 1975 and '96. The Flyers had three different coaches during those times — current Lincoln principal Jimmy Lewis, Gordon Selby and current coach John Davis.

Another noted track dynasty

was Alton's run in the '60s and early '70s when the Redbirds placed first three times, second twice and third four times between 1960 and '72.

Granite City has dominated the boys soccer scene under current coach Gene Baker, who has won nine state championships, including five straight from 1970-80. Baker is the winningest all-time coach in Illinois soccer history.

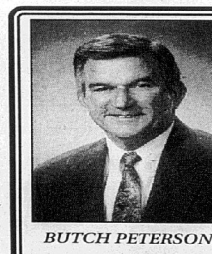
Collinsville also has gotten into the fun in boys soccer. The Kahoks won state titles in '81 and '86 under Jim Stranz and again in '91 and '92 under Ron Rowden. They also took second in '85 and third in '93.

Mater Dei, under coach Fred Rakers, is noted for its girls volleyball. Rightfully so. The Knights won state titles in 1987, '93, '94 and '95, while taking third in 1984 and '88 and fourth in 1978, '86 and '91.

Belleville West and its fore-runner, Belleville Township, has had its runs of success. The Maroons' baseball teams were state champions from 1946 through '54. The boys golf teams won state titles in 1969, '71 and '73, and also took second in '70 and '75, as well as third in '80. The girls volleyball teams won 11 super-sectional titles between 1977 and '85, posting state championships in 1990 and '91.

It seems in today's age that long-running sports success is more difficult to achieve. Coaches aren't staying in the profession as long, and it seems that the talent is spread out across the area. Players in all parts of the area now have the opportunity to get started at a young age. That may not have been the case when some of the aforementioned dynasties were being built.

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Madison

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Venice 25-15, hitting eight straight shots in the quarter. On the night, the Baker sank 19 of 22 shots from the field (86 percent), including five 3-pointers, and was 7 of 9 at the line (78 percent).

The game was over after eight minutes.

The Trojans moved into a 57-36 halftime lead on the strength of Baker's 34 points and eased to the first round win.

Baker scored 10 more points in the third quarter and six in the fourth before being pulled from the game with Madison well ahead.

"He's one of their better players I've seen," said Venice coach Clinton Harris Jr. "He can shoot it."

Spraggins agreed, but preferred to talk about Baker's generous team play.

"He thinks of the team first," said the Madison assistant. "He works to get the other guys involved in the scoring, involved in the game. He has to do that, and the other guys have to step up if we're going to win the big games against the good teams."

Baker's season averages now stand at 30.4 points per game, 10.5 rebounds, 4.3 steals, 4.3 assists and 3.6 3-pointers made each outing.

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SPORTS

Warriors

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24-20. With the momentum in Glenwood's favor, Kelly came up big, staking Granite to a 30-20 advantage.

But when C.J. Logan (135) and Matt Veach (140) claimed back-to-back decisions for the Redskins, the underdogs were within 30-28 with only the 145-pound bout remaining.

Brooks Narvaez was all over Micky Blankenship, winning the final match on a technical fall (18-3) and clinching the win for the Warriors.

In the other semifinal spar, Edwardsville took a big early lead against Murphysboro and coasted to a 40-25 victory.

In the championship meet, Jonas Janek put Granite City on top 9-0 with a 7-4 win over the Tigers' Clint Frietrag. Matt Geisenburger then won a major decision over Matt Levart at 160 pounds for a 4-3 Edwardsville lead. But when George Kirgan pinned Tim Strackeljohn 14 of the 171-pound match, the Warriors

"I told this team that they had a chance to be one of the greatest wrestling teams ever. I told them it was because of all the adversity they had overcome."

Mike Garland
Granite City coach

were in front 9-4, never to trail again.

Granite City's Kevin Venne (189) and Edwardsville's Joe Bevis (215) traded major decision wins to make the score 14-9, but the Warriors reeled off six straight triumphs to take a commanding 47-9 lead with only three matches remaining.

Granite City forfeited at 140 pounds and Dan Robinson

closed the action with a 19-3 technical fall win over Brad Brammer.

"It's been a crazy year," said Garland after his captains hoisted the sectional championship trophy. "Nothing is certain. After beating Chatham Glenwood, I thought of 1993 when we won a tough sectional contest. Afterwards, all the fans left and we ended up getting beat by Springfield High. So, I'm very proud of the way our kids went out and wrestled hard in the second meet."

"I told this team that they had a chance to be one of the greatest wrestling teams ever," Garland continued. "I told them it was because of all the adversity they had overcome. Everything was working against them, people were counting us out. And I told them that as long as they keep plugging away, anything can happen. Nobody won a match on paper in their lives. I'm really proud of these kids, they way they fought, the way they wrestled. They showed great determination tonight. I'm very proud of them."

Heston

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It will take an all-out effort — and character, if you will — for the Warriors to clear that first-round state hurdle which has always seemed to trip them up during Garland's tenure at the helm. Undeclared Chicago Mount Carmel is Saturday morning's opponent at the EastSide Center in Peoria.

And it won't get any easier if Granite City can get past the Caravan. Moline (24-0) would be the likely semifinal foe, with the likes of Maine West, Rockford East or New Lenox Providence looming on the championship horizon.

But the Warriors are wrestling well, and this could be, at long last, the year that first-round hurdle is cleared. If it is, it will bring the Warriors their first state wrestling trophy since the 1966 team finished third.

Wrestling

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Lane won its 10th city title in the past 11 years, blasting Bogan 51-14 in the finals. In the semifinals, Bogan had stunned favored Collins 39-36 in a classic back-and-forth battle. Collins had won the regular season meeting 54-24.

Des Plaines Maine West and New Lenox Providence claimed the other quarterfinal spots. Providence smoked Minooka (49-9) and

Ironically, all those seemingly endless problems borne by the Warriors' unit this season — problems which seemed destined to defeat them — may, in the long run, be a blessing rather than a curse. For those problems may have forged a steady inner toughness, an unyielding iron will and a strong unshakable character that could ultimately make the difference between this year and earlier years.

The problems may very well be the solution.

Of course, if the Warriors win or even reach the final four in this affair of state, I will lose some face. But that's OK. I'm balding. I've got plenty of room for another one.

Prove me wrong.

I'd like nothing better.

South Holland Thornwood (46-6), while Maine West survived tough bouts with Libertyville (39-24) and Hoffman Estates Conant (37-32).

Quarterfinal pairings pit Maine West (25-0) vs. Providence (26-2), Lane (22-6) vs. Rockford East, Glenbrook North (22-4) vs. Moline (24-0), and Granite City (24-9) vs. Des Plaines Mount Carmel (22-0). First round competition begins at 9 a.m. Saturday.

PREP WRESTLING

STATE WRESTLING

CLASS AA	CLASS A
SECTIONAL RESULTS	SECTIONAL RESULTS
At Skokie Niles West	Des Plaines Maine West 39, Libertyville 24
Hoffman Estates Conant 40, Winnetka New Trier 23	Des Plaines Maine West 37, Hoffman Estates Conant 32
At New Lenox Providence	
New Lenox Providence 49, Minooka 9	South Holland Thornwood 40, Homewood Flossmoor 23
New Lenox Providence 46, South Holland Thornwood 6	
At Chicago Public League	
Chicago Lane Tech 41, Chicago Morgan Park 29	Chicago Bogan 39, Chicago Collins 36
Chicago Lane Tech 51, Chicago Bogan 14	
At Rockford East	
Rockford East 46, Graylake 15	Cary Grove 38, Sycamore 31
Rockford East 50, Cary Grove 15	
At Wheaton Warrenville South	
Villa Park Willowbrook 35, St. Charles 31	Carol Stream Glenbard North 28, Naperville North 25
Carol Stream Glenbard North 33, Villa Park Willowbrook 22	
At Metumora	
Mahomet Seymour 63, Stanford Olympia 9	Moline 62, Pekin 9
Moline 47, Mahomet Seymour 21	
At Belleville West	
Edwardsville 40, Murphysboro 29	Granite City 35, Chatham Glenwood 28
Granite City 52, Edwardsville 19	

At Oak Park River Forest	Orland Park Sandburg 35, Chicago Gordon Tech 19
Chicago Mount Carmel 30, LaGrange Lyons 22	Chicago Mount Carmel 28, Orland Park Sandburg 15

STATE TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

EastSide Center	East Peoria
Sat. Feb. 28	Sat. Feb. 28
Quarterfinals	Quarterfinals
Mat 1: Des Plaines Maine West (25-0) vs. New Lenox Providence (26-2)	Mat 2: Chicago Lane Tech (22-6) vs. Rockford East (46-6)
Mat 3: Carol Stream Glenbrook North (22-4) vs. Moline (24-0)	Mat 4: Granite City (24-9) vs. Chicago Mt. Carmel (22-0)

CLASS A SECTIONAL RESULTS

At Stillman Valley (A)	Oregon 29, Byron 18
At Normal University (B)	Rock Island Alleman 41, Fithian Oakwood 28
At Vandale (B)	Mt. Zion 52, Pittsfield 15
At Coal City (A)	Limbard Montini 32, Yorkville 22
At Stillman Valley (B)	Harvard 38, Rock Falls 17
At Coal City (B)	Coal City 49, Peotons 15

PARK LEAGUE

Granite City	Basketball
Park District	(Feb. 22)
Standings	Tuesday League
(Final/Feb. 16)	Kramden's.....10-0
Spikers.....29-7	Jacobsmeyers.....8-2
Medicine Shoppe.....24-12	Rookies.....7-4
IV Chance.....21-15	Electric Mud Puppies.....5-5
Ernie & Annie's.....15-21	Knuckleheads.....4-7
Power House.....12-24	Harvest Assembly.....1-9
Hometown Sports.....8-28	
Scores	Feb. 10 Scores
IV Chance defeated Ernie & Annie's 15-0, 15-6, 15-6.	Kramden's 61, Rookies 55.
Spikers defeated Hometown Sports 15-10, 15-11, 14-16.	Electric Mud Puppies 70, Harvest Assembly 63.
Medicine Shoppe defeated Power House 15-5, 15-3, 12-15.	Knuckleheads 95, McKinley Iron 56.
Playoffs	Feb. 17 Scores
Spikers defeated Ernie & Annie's 15-8.	Harvest Assembly 63, McKinley Iron 58.
IV Chance defeated Medicine Shoppe 13-15, 15-8, 15-13.	Jacobsmeyers defeated Electric Mud Puppies.
Championship	Rookies defeated Knuckleheads.
Spikers defeated IV Chance, 13-15, 15-13, 15-9.	
	Wednesday League
	Rebels.....9-0
	Jacobsmeyers.....7-2
	Sports Print.....4-5

Class A Girls Pairings

Westside Regional	Dupo Regional
Feb. 9	Feb. 9
Westside 48, Sandoval 38	Roxana 58, Dupo 44
Mater Dei 71, Lebanon 37	Feb. 10
Carlyle 72, Westside 49	Wood River 60, Madison 33
Central 56, Mater Dei 43	M.E. Lutheran 65, Columbia 55
Feb. 12	Feb. 11
Carlyle 56, Central 43	Marquette 39, Roxana 34
Freeburg Regional	Wood River 57, M.E. Lutheran 48
Feb. 12	Feb. 12
Chester 43, Red Bud 42	Wood River 60, Marquette 60
Gibault 57, New Athens 11	Litchfield Sectional
Feb. 11	Feb. 16
Freeburg 59, Chester 43	Greenville 60, Gard 34
Sparta 60, Gibault 48	Feb. 17
Feb. 13	Carrollton 45, Wood River 46
Freeburg 67, Sparta 59	Feb. 19
West Frankfort Sectional	Carrollton 51, Greenville 33
Feb. 16	Carrollville Super-Sectional
Okawville 40, Carlyle 37	Feb. 23
West Frankfort 73, Freeburg 58	Carrollton 70, Pleasant Plains 44
Feb. 19	
West Frankfort 57, Okawville 54	
Benton Super-Sectional	
Feb. 23	
Fairfield vs. West Frankfort, 7:30 p.m.	

State Finals

At Redbird Arena in Normal	Game 1
Game 1: Nokomis vs. Seton Academy, 12:15 p.m.	
Game 2: Carrollton vs. Sterling Newman, 1:45 p.m.	
Game 3: West Frankfort vs. Mendota, 3:30 p.m.	
Game 4: Carthage vs. Illiana Christian, 8 p.m.	
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 11:15 a.m.	
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 12:45 p.m.	
Third Place	
Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6, 6:30 p.m.	
Championship	
Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 8:15 p.m.	

Class AA Girls Pairings

Centralia Sectional	Feb. 16
Mt. Vernon 60, Murphysboro 27	
Carbondale 38, Althoff 35	
Belleview East 57, Herrin 16	
Carmi 69, Marion 29	
Waterloo 39, East St. Louis 29	
Feb. 17	
East St. Louis Lincoln 81, Waterloo 29	
Belleview West 48, Mascoutah 40	
O'Fallon 78, Cahokia 39	
Centralia 62, Mt. Carmel 34	
Feb. 19	
Mount Vernon 82, Carbondale 34	
Belleview East 49, Carmi 34	
East St. Louis Lincoln 56, Belleville West 33	
Centralia 47, O'Fallon 39	
Feb. 23	
(Games at Centralia High)	
Game 14: Mount Vernon 57, Belleville East 46	
Game 15: East St. Louis Lincoln 69, Centralia 42	
Feb. 26	
Game 16: (1) Mount Vernon vs. (2) East St. Louis Lincoln, 7:30 p.m.	

Civic Memorial Sectional

Feb. 16	Feb. 18
Taylorville 106, Triad 30	Paris 70, Mattoon 59
Highland 62, Chatham Glenwood 61	Jerseyville 66, Alton 57
Paris 70, Mattoon 59	Olney 75, Effingham 34
Jerseyville 66, Alton 57	Salem 71, Charleston 41
Olney 75, Effingham 34	Edwardsville 80, Granite City 25
Salem 71, Charleston 41	Collinsville 42, Civic Memorial 41
Edwardsville 80, Granite City 25	Feb. 19
Collinsville 42, Civic Memorial 41	Taylorville 83, Highland 35
Feb. 19	Paris 63, Jerseyville 51
Taylorville 83, Highland 35	Olney 58, Salem 35
Paris 63, Jerseyville 51	Edwardsville 35, Collinsville 23
Olney 58, Salem 35	Feb. 23
Edwardsville 35, Collinsville 23	(At Civic Memorial High)
Feb. 23	Game 13: Taylorville 99, Paris 73
(At Civic Memorial High)	Game 14: Olney 59, Edwardsville 44
Game 13: Taylorville 99, Paris 73	Feb. 28
Game 14: Olney 59, Edwardsville 44	Game 15: (1) Taylorville vs. (2) Olney, 7:30 p.m.
Game 15: (1) Taylorville vs. (2) Olney, 7:30 p.m.	Salem Super-Sectional
	March 2
	Winner Centralia Regional-Sectional vs. Winner Civic Memorial Regional-Sectional, 7 p.m.

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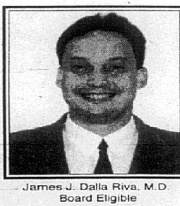
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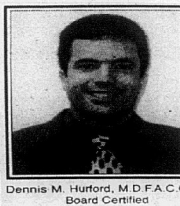
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Normal, Galesburg post key victories

Whitney Young, Spring Valley Hall remain on top

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Normal University shook up this week's Class A poll, pouncing visiting Chicago Providence St. Mel 66-4.

The win not only pleased the Senior Night crowd at Normal, but propelled the Pioneers (20-7) past Chicago Leo and into the sixth slot of the final regular season poll. St. Mel (23-4) fell from third to fifth.

Spring Valley Hall (25-0), which has led the poll from wire to wire, once again claimed the top spot, garnering 23 first-place votes and 258 total points from a panel of Associated Press sportswriters and broadcasters. Farmington (26-0) remained in second, while Nashville (25-1) moved up one notch to third, picking up two remaining first-place votes.

Ashland A.C. Central (26-0) was fourth, followed by St. Mel and Normal University (22-6). Breese Mater Dei (22-6)

BOYS BASKETBALL

jumped from 10th to eighth on the strength of a brutal pounding administered to highly regarded Hillsboro, while Marengo (23-2) leap-frogged Kewanee (21-5) into ninth place.

Chicago St. Francis de Sales (16-7), Burlington Central (22-3), Notre Dame (21-5), Rock Falls (19-7), Rockford Christian Life (25-1) and newcomer Fairbury Prairie Central (20-4) rounded out the top 15.

Class AA

Among Class AA schools, the top 10 positions in the poll remained unchanged. This despite seventh-ranked Moline's 65-61 loss to third-ranked Galesburg.

The Maroons (21-2), who have lost both their games to the Silver Streaks (23-2),

played before the first sell-out at Galesburg's Thiel Gymnasium in 13 years and were actually leading the host school in the last minute of the game, as they had most of the second half.

The Streaks, who defeated Moline 75-59 on Jan. 16, clinched their first outright Western Big Six Conference title since 1976 — the last time Galesburg reached the Super-sectionals.

"I was thinking, man, I wasn't even born then," said the Streaks' Taylor Thiel, who scored 18 points in the gym named for his grandfather.

Other ranked losers did not fare as well as Moline. Peoria Central (16-5) tumbled from 11th to 15th following a 59-52 loss to unheralded Pekin, and Mount Vernon (20-3) stumbled to 16th from 13th on the heels of a 78-72 loss to conference foe Centralia.

Chicago Whitney Young (20-1) remained the state's top-ranked team, a position it has held since the inaugural poll in December, claiming all 18 first place votes. Young was followed, as it was last week, by Peoria Manual (22-2), Galesburg, Oak Park Fenwick (21-2), Lincoln (21-2), Rockford Boylan (24-1), Moline, Elgin (24-1) and Chicago schools King (22-4) and Farragut (19-5).

Area power Edwardsville (22-1) inched up another spot to 11th, taking advantage of Peoria Central's loss; while Oak Lawn Richards (23-1) jumped a pair of slots to 12th. Zion-Benton (24-1) scaled three levels to 13th; and Quincy (20-4) moved from 15th to 14th.

'I was thinking, man, I wasn't even born then.'

Taylor Thiel

Galesburg player on clinching team's first Western Big Six Conference title since 1976

Belleville East is the only other Metro East team earning enough consideration to at least make the honorable mention list. The Lancers, two-time losers to Edwardsville whose other loss was to Quincy in the Collinsville/Schnucks championship, are perched behind Centralia.

The Blue Devils blasted visiting Collinsville 74-53, playing what coach Loren Wallace called "a very good ballgame, probably our best since the Collinsville Tournament."

Quincy, which like Moline has lost twice to Galesburg, could end up being a post-season thorn in the Streaks' side. But the Silver Streaks, who are hoping to claim their first state championship since 1913, must deal with a potential sectional showdown with Moline and — if they survive that — a probable Super-sectional shoot-out with Rockford Boylan.

BOYS BASKETBALL STATE POLL

Here are the top 16 teams in the state-wide Illinois high school boys basketball polls as selected by an Associated Press panel of sportswriters and broadcasters, with first-place votes in parenthesis, records through Sunday and total points (based on 16 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 16th place vote):

Class AA		Rec.	Pts.
1.	Chicago Whitney Young (18)	20-7	258
2.	Peoria Manual	22-2	242
3.	Galesburg	21-2	238
4.	Oak Park Fenwick	21-2	201
5.	Lincoln	24-1	192
6.	Rockford Boylan	24-1	161
7.	Moline	22-4	138
8.	Elgin	24-1	132
9.	Chicago King	19-5	102
10.	Chicago Farragut	22-3	78
11.	Edwardsville	22-1	78
12.	Oak Lawn Richards	23-1	61
13.	Zion-Benton	24-1	51
14.	Quincy	20-4	38
15.	Peoria Central	16-5	38
16.	Mount Vernon	20-3	38

Others receiving votes, in order: Country Club Hills Hillcrest, Joliet Central, Des Plaines Maine West, Palatine Fremd, Centralia, Belleville East, Winnetka New Trier, Decatur MacArthur.

Class A		Rec.	Pts.
1.	Spring Valley Hall (23)	25-0	398
2.	Farmington	26-0	350
3.	Nashville (2)	25-1	347
4.	Ashland A.C. Central (1)	26-0	321
5.	Chicago Providence St. Mel	23-4	288
6.	Normal University	20-7	242
7.	Chicago Leo	19-6	241
8.	Breese Mater Dei	22-6	189
9.	Marong	23-2	190
10.	Kewanee	21-5	166
11.	Chicago St. Francis de Sales	16-7	118
12.	Burlington	22-3	74
13.	Quincy Notre Dame	21-5	73
14.	Rock Falls	19-7	71
15.	Rockford Christian Life	25-1	55
16.	Fairbury Prairie Central	20-4	52

Others receiving votes, in order: Nauvoo-Colusa, Pans, Nokomis, Rock Island Aleman, Breese Central, Hillsboro, Elgin St. Edward, Pittsfield, Harrisburg.

THIS WEEK IN PREP BASKETBALL

Compiled by
Patrick C. Heston

Feb. 26
1998 — Augusta defeated Lima 126-4 in a boys district tournament game.

1995 — In a girls game against Chicago Westinghouse, Anna Taylor of Chicago Collins scored 70 points, the fourth-highest total in girls basketball history. In the game, Taylor set records for most points (33) and most field goals (15) in one quarter (fourth).

1980 — Frank Macintosh of Peoria Richards hit a state record nine consecutive 3-point shots in a boys game against Pekin.

1994 — Forrester's Ben Ross pulled down 30 rebounds in a boys game against Oregon. The total is the third best in boys state history.

Feb. 27
1995 — Harvey Thornton used a 77-point outburst in the second half to defeat Manhattan 125-8 in a boys district tournament game.

1967 — Highland's Craig Manwaring scored 58 points in a boys regional game against cross-town rival St. Paul. The 59-point total was, at the time, a state record for regional tournament scoring by one player, and Manwaring's 46 points in the second half and 29 points in the fourth quarter still stand as state records for a regional.

1985 — In a boys basketball game, Chicago Metropolitan scored 106 points, but still lost by 14 to Chicago Greiger.

Feb. 28
1946 — Elgin's then-state record 42-game home-court winning streak in boys basketball came to an end. The streak had started on November 24, 1942.

1950 — Quincy's boys team scored 46 points in the third quarter of a regional tournament game against Liberty. The total is a record for one quarter in regional competition.

1967 — In a boys game during the Chicago Public League playoffs, Chicago DuSable blasted Chicago Bowen 145-54, pouring in 81 second-half points. DuSable's 145 points is the fifth-highest total in state history for one game.

1989 — Matt Conrad of Lisle Benet Academy set a state record for a regional tournament when he dished out 21 assists in a boys game against Bolingbrook.

Feb. 29
1993 — Getting off to a fast start in a boys game against Crystal Lake South, Algonquin Jacobs' Todd Weiss hit a state record six 3-pointers in the first quarter.

March 1
1923 — In a boys district tournament game, Aurora East defeated DeKalb 5-4.

1955 — Centralia High School became the first school in America to win 1,000 boys basketball games. The Orphans are still the nation's leader in wins.

March 2
1900 — Chicago Englewood edged Chicago Austin 32 in a girls game.

1958 — Chicago Mount Carmel committed 50 fouls in a boys game against Chicago St. Rita. A state-record nine players fouled out for the Caravan.

1970 — In a boys regional game, Canton's Dennis Bone scored 62 points against Glasgow Illinois Bluffs. The total is a state record for scoring in a regional tournament. Bone was nearly perfect on the night, hitting 24 of 27 fielders and 14 of 17 free throws.

March 3
1979 — Peoria Richards slammed Normal Community 132-16 in a girls game, scoring 75 points in the second half, 40 in the fourth quarter.

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OBITUARY

A. LYNN MEYER

A. LYNN MEYER, 73, of Granite City died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1998, at her residence. She was born on May 21, 1925, in Granite City. She was a member of the Granite City Steel for 39 years and a roll grinder in the roll shop at a member of the Eagles, and former member of the United Steel workers of America and Johns United Church.

Survivors include: Sons, Debbie Fiala and of Granite City, D. Fiala, and Brian Vegas, Nev.; one grandchild, Jennifer. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Meyer, and one Meyer. Services will be at St. Johns United Church, 1001 N. Main St., Granite City, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28. Burial will be in Glen Carbon. Memorials may be sent to St. Johns United Church or the American Cancer Society.

FUNERAL

Dolores B. Dolores B.

Dolores B. Dolores B. (T) 75, of Collinsville, Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998, at the Garden Health Center. Services were at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Home, 1001 N. Main St., Granite City. Burial will be in the National Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Alzheimer's Disease Association.

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OBITUARIES

A. Lynn Meyer

LYNN MEYER, 58, of Granite City, died at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1998, at his residence.

Mr. Meyer was born on May 21, 1939, in Granite City. He had worked at Granite City Steel for 39 years as a roll grinder in the roll shop; a member of the Eagles, and former member of the United Steelworkers of America, and member of the St. Johns United Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra (Gansouille) Meyer, four children, Debbie Fila and Scott Meyer both of Granite City, David Meyer of Chicago, and Brian Meyer of La Vegas, Nev.; one brother, Oliver Meyer, of Granite City, and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Mildred (Yasol) Meyer; and one brother, Norbert Meyer.

Services will be Friday, Feb. 27, at St. Johns United Church of Christ, with Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the St. Johns United Church of Christ, or the American Cancer Society.

Carol Miller

CAROL L. (THARP) MILLER, 36, of Granite City, died at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was born May 2, 1962, in Racine, Wis., and lived in Granite City for the past 35 years. Employed by Henry's Transportation Company as a data entry clerk, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where she served as deacon, the Eagles 1126 Auxiliary, and a volunteer at Protestant Welfare Association.

Survivors include her husband, Eunice and Austin Miller of Granite City, Fla.; brothers Michael Tharp of Stillwater, Okla., and Albert Tharp of Arlington Heights, and her twin sister, Cheryl Lewis of Rock Springs, Wyo.

She was preceded in death by her father, Vernon Tharp, in 1969.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st and Cleveland in Granite City. The burial will be Saturday morning at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the First Trinity Lutheran Church, 22nd and Selma in Granite City, with Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter officiating.

Contributions to memorials to the First Presbyterian Church.

Louise Wyatt

LOUISE E. WYATT, 82, of Highland, died at 12:45 p.m. Feb. 9,

1998, at Faith Countryside Homes in Highland.

Formerly of Granite City, Wyatt was born March 25, 1915 in Jackson, Tenn. He retired in 1976 after more than 30 years as a machinist with the ICG Railroad (formerly the B&O Railroad). He was also a veteran in the U.S. Army, and a former member of the New Hope Baptist Church in Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (Heavener) Wyatt; one son, Ronnie Wyatt of Granite City; one daughter, Margaret Wyatt of Highland; two brothers, Leon and Eber Wyatt, both of Jackson, Tenn.; one sister, Hazel King of Jackson; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lonnie and Dora (Armstrong) Wyatt; and two sisters, Dorothy Litton and Frankie Burton.

Services were Feb. 11 at Irwin Chapel, 3800 Maryville Road, with the Rev. Bill Young officiating. Burial followed at Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the American Foundation or the hospice.

Josephine Adamson

JOSEPHINE (STICKER) ADAMSON, 92, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 1998.

Survivors include a daughter, Gloria Goetz, grandchildren, Gloria James of Irving, Texas and Doran Marie Harris of Eureka, and a sister, Marie Harris of Eureka.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Adamson.

Services were Friday, Feb. 20, at Buchholz Mortuary West. Burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Belleville.

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Sophia Kreider

SOPHIA (JASUDOWICZ) KREIDER, 89, of Granite City, died on Feb. 9, 1998, in the Collinsville Care Center. Mrs. Kreider was born on Aug. 6, 1908, in Marietta, Ga. She had been a bookkeeper at Mercantile Bank in St. Louis, a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church, third order of the secular Franciscan at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Ann's, and Young at Heart, and St. Mary's Ministry of Prayer.

Survivors include two daughters, Charlotte Juracek in Granite City and Margaret McDaniel of Collinsville, two sisters, Francis Beans of Lakeview, Ark., and Ann Antonio of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Raymond Jadowick of Roylston, six grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Kreider, parents, Michael Agnes (Zapari) Jasudowicz and one sister, Helen High.

Services were Friday, Feb. 13, at Holy Family Catholic Church, with Rev. Bill Fisher officiating. Burial was at St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.

Tressie Elliot

TRESSIE (HOWARD) ELIOT, 78, of Caseyville, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1998, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. She was born April 28, 1919, in

Venice.

She was employed as a pharmaceutical technician by Reese Drug Store in Cahokia.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Elliot, whom she married July 30, 1939, in Festus, Mo.; three daughters, Carolyn Freeman of Marquette, Mich., Mary Ann, Holly Springs, Penn., and Linda Patton of Harrisburg; one sister, Margie Blake of Caseyville; seven grandchildren, Scott Freeman, Donna St. Germaine, Terry Freeman, Dawn Ager, Wayne, Cory and Mandy Patton; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Leah (Lancaster) Howard; one infant son, Norman Elliot; two sisters, twin sister Jessie Lentz and Callie Alvey; and five brothers, Robert, Earl, Merl, Ernest and Russell Howard.

Services were Saturday at Herbert A. Kassy Funeral Home in Collinsville with the Rev. Harry Lassley officiating. Burial followed in Walker Hill Cemetery in Grand Tower.

Frances Giebe

FRANCES M. (MILLER) GIEBE, of Belleville died on Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998.

Mrs. Giebe was born on Sept. 6, 1923, in St. Louis. She was a retired accountant with the Moore Brothers Construction Company in East St. Louis.

Survivors include three brother,

Edward Miller of Barnhart, Donald Miller of Belleville, and Paul Miller of Fairview Heights, and one sister, Alice Kohn of Cuba, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver Giebe; parents, Edward and Ella (Huffman) Miller; sister Jean Zaring; and one brother, Robert Miller.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 24, at John Barnes Funeral Home, with Rev. James Jansen officiating. Burial was at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Our Lady of Assumption Church.

Neil Wagener

NEIL F. WAGENER, 66, of Belleville died at 11:05 p.m. Monday,

Feb. 23, 1998, at Caseyville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He was born Feb. 24, 1931, in Granite City.

Survivors include two sons, Terry B. Boyer of Caseyville, and Kenneth Jewell of Boulder, Colo.; one brother, Roger Wagener of Escondido, Calif.; and one grandson, Joshua Boyer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alton and Mada (Graham) Wagener; one sister, Marian Clay; and three brothers, Edwin, Richard and Alton Wagener Jr.

Services will be today, Feb. 26, at Herbert A. Kassy Funeral Home in Collinsville with the Rev. Richard Under Sr. officiating. Burial is in St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials may be made to Glenview Church of the Nazarene, St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Shriners Children's Hospital.

Lucille Roberts

LUCILLE (MITCHELL) ROBERTS, 75, of Granite City died at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 20, 1998.

Services were held on Monday, Feb. 23, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. Ellen Hughes officiating. Burial was at St. Clair Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the United Church of America or Cancer Society.

Shirley Smallie

SHIRLEY F. (HEATON) SMALLIE, 95, of Granite City died at 6:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 1998, in Granite City.

Services were Monday, Feb. 23, at Mercer Funeral Home in Granite City, with Rev. Darin Hughes officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill in Glen Carbon.

Memorials can be made to the First Assembly of God.

John Tarasovich

JOHN TARASOVICH, 60, of Madison died at 6:35 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1998, at John Cochran Medical Center in St. Louis.

Services were Monday, Feb. 23, at Thomas Chapel in Granite City, with Rev. James Hays officiating. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks.

Floyd Waters

FLOYD WATERS, 80, of Mitchell died at 4:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998, at his place of residence.

Services were Saturday, Feb. 21, at Thomas Mortuary in Granite City, with Ralph Baker officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Amy Prussman

AMY M. (BRITTEN) PRUSSMAN, 93, of Granite City, died Feb. 9, 1998, at Lenexa, Kan.

Arrangements were handled by Shields Funeral Home in Greenfield with the burial at Oakwood Cemetery.

Wayne Lanter

WAYNE LANTER, 84, of Belleville died Monday, Feb. 23, 1998, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 25, from Kurus Funeral Home in Belleville to St. Teresa Catholic Church for Mass, with Rev. Donald Dickenson officiating. Burial was at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorials may be made to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City or the American Cancer Society.

Geneva Provo

GENEVA (HERREN) PROVO, 87, of Caseyville died at 10:08 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1998, in Cahokia.

Services were Monday, Feb. 23, at St. John Cemetery in Bongs, Ill., with the Rev. Bill Owen officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Association.

Donal McKenzie

Donal McKenzie of Scottsdale, Ariz., a dentist and national representative for the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine, will receive the University Distinguished Service Award at the June 6 commencement of the dental school.

The SIU Board of Trustees authorized the recognition because of McKenzie's support of dental research and his

active role in dental education. Prior to his retirement, McKenzie was vice chairman of G.C. America, a major dental manufacturer, and the continues to serve as a consultant to the company.

He has been a member of numerous dental industry boards, including a term as chairman of the Board of the American Dental Trade Association.

McKenzie also serves as chairman of the SDM Dean's Advisory Board. He founded the annual Prophy Cup Challenge, and a large portion of the money raised in the tournament is used to provide dental care for children of the working poor in St. Louis.

McKenzie has served on the boards of numerous dental charities, including Christina's Smile, the Children's Dental Center and chairman of the Board of Gompers Center, the largest rehabilitation institute in Arizona for handicapped children and adults.

McKenzie is an honorary alumnus of the Indiana University School of Dentistry.

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ORGANIZATIONS

Evening Circle

The regular monthly meeting of the Evening Circle of the First Presbyterian Church was held on Jan. 20, at the home of Barbara Landis.

The meeting was opened with prayer, followed by the reading of the minutes of the Nov. 18, meeting and notes about the Christmas party.

A report was given on coming events of Church Women United.

A short memorial was given in memory of June Jones, a circle member who passed away recently. The Treasurer's Report and the Least Coin study were given by Barbara Landis.

Burdine Holtzacher gave the World Book of Prayer and the Bible Lesson entitled "The Limits of Wisdom" from the study on Job.

The meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction. The following members were present: Lillian Delps, Burdine Holtzacher, Virginia Johns, Barbara Landis, Gladys Pope, Betty Schmiedke, Yee Thorne, Shirley Yates, and one guest, Eulah Johnson.

Seniors

Granite City Township Supervisor, Bob Shipley is sponsoring a dance featuring the RSVP Orchestra on Wednesday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. This event is free of charge.

Trio Homemakers

The regular meeting of the Trio Homemakers' Club was held Feb. 3.

A dessert luncheon was served by hostesses, Helen Miller, Dorothy Crank, and Lucille Sackett.

Emma Jackicks gave the lesson for the month, which was on the American Family and how it has changed.

Attendance prizes were won by Pauline Nichols, Mary Lou Lybarag, and Vera Kirkpatrick.

Also in attendance were Naomi Chapman, Gienna Eaton, Marian Hamilos, Lorna Hanson, Betty Epperson, Genevieve Hill, Rose Kayser, Dorothy Kinney, Judy Schoz, Helen Todorst, Clara Trogovich, Juanita McCarty, and guest Leona George.

The next meeting is noon, March.

3, at Hope Lutheran Church.

Ruth Group

On Jan. 15, the Ruth Group of the Christian Women's Fellowship of Central Christian Church met at the home of Helen Stumpe.

The study and worship were led by Doris Edwards on the subject, "Feed My Sheep."

The Ruth Group will be host to the February meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship. Plans were made as to what will be served.

Announcements were made as to the C.W.F. who will serve soup and sandwiches for the community Lenten service on March 18.

Those present at the meeting were Doris Edwards, chairperson; Rev. Carrie Cullen, Betty Ebrecht, Joyce Sawyer and Helen Stumpe.

Eagle Park

The Eagle Park Acre Senior Group closed out the 1997 year with the usual birthday celebration, combined with the Christmas celebration at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville. We had a group of seventeen attending. Those celebrating birthdays were Josephine Bodie, Geneva Brandon, Dorothy Wiley, Sally Thornton, Pearly M. Sullivan, Allan Haynes, Lizell Woolen Scott, Christine DeLoach, and Lillie M. Van Buren, all of Eagle Park, Madison.

Our summer and fall activities consisted of the following:

June — Birthday celebration for Velvia Oakley, Thelma Howard, Dorothy Sharp, Evelyn Wimberly, Willy Mae Townsend, Myrtle Foster, Thelma Jenkins, Willie Mae Davis, Lacinie Gaidner, and Ethel Van Buren.

September — Bar-B-Que sale.

September — Fish Fry.

September — Back to School Extravaganza Joe Roberts Memorial Picnic (participation).

October — E.P.A. Senior Citizen's third year Anniversary Volunteer Appreciation Day.

November — Prepared and donated 200 sandwiches for the Rev. Rice's Ministries.

Volkssport

Spring into spring with the Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club as it kicks off the 1998 walking season with its annual St. Patrick's Day Walk on Friday, March 13. Both a 5-kilometer (3.1 miles) and 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) trail will be offered and will start from the McDonalds at 906 Carville Avenue in Belleville (across from Belleville East High School) between 6:30 and 6:30 p.m.

The walks will be on the Belleville East High School walking trail which is suitable for wagons and strollers and is rated as a 1 (easy) for degree of difficulty.

The Illinois Trekkers Volkssport Club invites everyone to come walk and enjoy the fun and fellowship associated with walking together. Gather with friends after completing the walk and spend some quality time enjoying the fellowship of other walkers.

For additional information on this event call Alvan or Eugene at 636-6176.



Megan Dittman and her grandparents at the puzzle center. The class enjoyed a "Grandparent's Celebration" on Jan. 28 during Catholic Schools Week.



Cory Ross and his grandmother along with Christian Wise at the English center.



Emily Miofsky and her grandparents at the game center. Ten learning centers were used in the classroom for the students to compete along with their grandparent(s).

Grand party

Karen LaFrance's first-grade class at St. Elizabeth School in Granite City included:

Jocelyn Alegre, Kristen Buzan, Tyler Carney, Dominic Cilano, Theresa Cook, Megan Dittman, Jacob Finch, Kalsi Hartwick, Cassie Herring, Whitney Lake, Jayne Law, Emily Miofsky, Marc Mullen, Lara Patterson, Kasey Presswood, Emily Rickert, Cory Ross, Sam Ruesing, Chelsey Tindall, Beanne Wiesehan and Christian Wise.



Valentine's royalty — Amvets Post 51 and Auxiliary celebrated Valentine's Day with a family dinner and a cake walk. The proceeds of the cake walk will benefit the scholarship fund. Pictured above are Ethel Weilbocker and Bill Schiengschang, who were crowned Valentine's Day Queen and King.

IN SERVICE

Army National Guard Pvt. ERIC D. JAYCOX, son of Charles and Suzanne Jaycox of Granite City, has graduated from basic combat training and has completed advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Jaycox is a 1996 graduate of Granite City High School.

ANDREW S. WELBORN has joined the U.S. Army under the delayed entry program. Welborn, a student at Granite City High School, will report for duty June 16 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for basic training.

He is the son of Leroy E. and Betty A. Welborn of Granite City.

SONYA R. PROVENCE has joined the U.S. Army under the delayed entry program. She will report for duty June 11 at Fort Jackson, S.C., for basic training.

Provence is the daughter of Nelson Provence of Granite City.

CHAD L. BROWNING, son of Karen Browning, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force under the

delayed entry program. He is to report for training April 8 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Browning is a 1997 graduate of Granite City High School.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class JERE L. HEUER, son of Jerry L. and Betty J. Heuer of Granite City, recently visited Perth/Fremantle, Australia, while on a six-month deployment to the western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Lake Champlain.

Heuer, a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School, joined the U.S. Navy in April 1989.

Do you have a military item for this column? The Press-Record/Journal particularly wants pictures of your loved ones in action where they are serving. If possible, do not send the only copy you have of a picture.

Send your photos and military news to: The Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

Notice of Public Meetings On Community Needs

Madison County Community Development is about to begin its 1998 Funding Round for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs and we want to hear from you! Please let us know what needs—housing, community development and shelter—exist in your community. We are particularly interested in the needs of low and moderate income households.

We expect to receive \$3,724,000 for the CDBG program, \$1,220,000 for the HOME program, and \$146,000 for the ESG program. Please note that these figures are only estimates, the actual amounts are not available at this time.

Please come to one of our PUBLIC MEETINGS at the following places:

March 2, Alton City Hall, Council Room, 9:00 a.m.,
March 3, Edwardsville City Hall, Council Room, 2:00 p.m.,
March 3, Madison City Hall, 9:00 a.m.,
March 4, Highland City Hall, Council Room, 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome. We are interested in your statements and appreciate your input. It helps us to serve you and your community better. If you cannot make it to one of these meetings, please submit your comments to us at:

Madison County Community Development, 130 Hillsboro, Suite 100, Edwardsville, IL 62025. Phone calls should be directed to 692-8940, Community Development Coordinator.

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PEOPLE



Prepped for disaster

Union members get tough training in hazardous waste cleanup

A cargo plane crashes in a rural area. Dangerous chemicals mix together, creating a vapor cloud that could poison everyone and everything around for miles. There's literally no time to lose, so experts are called in — experts especially trained to clean up hazardous materials. Cleaning up a hazardous material spill isn't quite like mopping water off the floor, though. Specific, tough training is required. Recently, national members of the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Association (OPCMIA) taught a 40-hour hazardous waste worker training course at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus. Instructors Gerry Ryan, Hector Cortez, Bill Cahalane and Bill Cunningham are on a multi-state tour training union apprentices how to do

things right. "This is some of the training our workers need to have in order to go work on some of the hazardous waste sites," said Ryan, who is the apprentice, safety and health training director for OPCMIA. "We're training them for the most extreme, the worst-case scenario on a hazardous waste site. That's why we're going in in the level A suits, where they are totally encapsulated," Ryan said. In the Level A training, the students go out to where the mock crash is set up and try to control the "hazardous materials" from spreading throughout the community. It was a dry run, of course, with nothing actually spilled and the pyrotechnics courtesy of smoke bombs. "It will simulate explosions of incompatible chemicals that have mixed together creating vapors that

'We just try to trick them — try to get them to use their minds.'

Gerry Ryan
Training director

are very dangerous. So what these guys are doing is try to clean up some of the spills and separate some of the incompatible chemicals," Ryan said. "We also have a radiation sticker, and what we want to see is that when these guys come into the zone, that they see the radiation sign. What they're supposed to do is totally evacuate the area because we're not training them to work with radiation — just identify to identify this is a

serious danger.

"We just try to trick them — try to get them to use their minds," he said.

One of the main components of the hazardous waste class is the decontamination process, Ryan said. The workers come off a hot site and go through a "decon line," until they get completely decontaminated by their fellow workers so they don't bring hazardous materials back into a safe or "cold" zone.

The process is critical so workers don't bring hazardous materials into contact with their families or anyone else. It stays at the site.

On hand for the training was James Schneider of Troy, vice president of Local 90 OPCMIA and a cement masons apprenticeship instructor.

One of the quickest learners, Schneider said, was Jose Otero. Dur-

ing the second run-through that morning, Otero was the first to notice the radiation sticker in the plane's window, and he immediately evacuated everyone.

The numerous run-throughs are part of the hands-on training in the course.

"We get into a lot of classroom training, too, (with) chemicals and exposures, what personal protecting equipment should be worn," Ryan said.

They also learn what chemicals can do, how they could enter the body and what they would do once there, he said.

"It's a lot of preventative (training)," Ryan said. Ryan said he had been doing the haz mat training for three years. He's from Minnesota. Cahalane and

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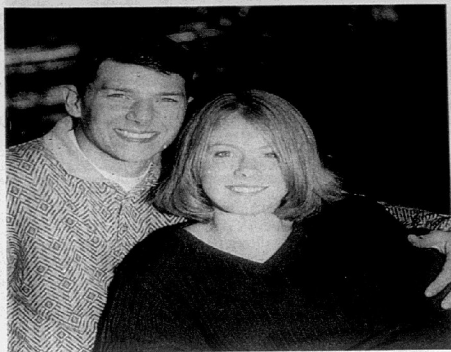


Above, members of the class split into several teams to learn — and relearn — every aspect of hazardous waste handling and cleanup. The men dressed in the white outfits are preparing to decontaminate the men who went out to the hazardous site. At far right, another team checks air tanks before suiting up. Each man must know his equipment thoroughly to be prepared for any contingency. At right, instructor Gerry Ryan makes notes while one of the teams prepares to enter a contaminated site. The teammates communicate through hand gestures and shouting.



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ENGAGEMENTS



Staci Johnson and Randell Young Jr.

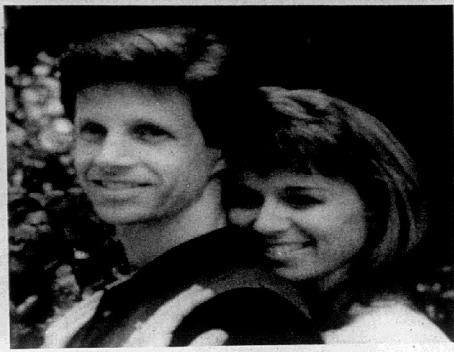
Johnson — Young

Staci Renee Johnson, daughter of Mack Johnson and Vicki Wallace of Granite City, and Randell Lee Scott Young Jr., son of Eugene and Constance Koehler of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Johnson, of Collinsville, is a graduate of Granite City High School and Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. She will start Southern Illinois University Medical School this fall. She is employed by Washington University School of Medical as a clinical study coordinator.

Young, of Collinsville, is a graduate of Granite City High School and Southwest Baptist University and SIUE. He is employed by Pizza Hut as a shift manager.

They are planning a May 16 wedding at St. John's United Church of Christ in Granite City.



Leslie McIntyre and Bryan Affolter

McIntyre — Affolter

Leslie McIntyre daughter of Dan and Diane McIntyre of Granite City and Bryan Affolter son of Patricia Wetsell of Reading, Pa. have announced their engagement.

McIntyre, of Aurora, is employed by Lucent Tech. as a Software Engineer.

Affolter, of Naperville, is employed by Lucent Tech. as a Software Engineer.

The couple are planning a March 28 wedding in Batavia, Ill.

BIRTHS

Collin Barrett

JASON AND KRISTA BARRETT of Granite City have announced the

birth of their first child, a son.

Collin Wayne was born at 3:33 p.m. Oct. 4, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 8 pounds.

His maternal grandparents are Wayne and Sharon Angle of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Randy and Dorothy Barrett of Granite City and Diann Barrett of St. Louis.

Adam Wilson

GARY WILSON AND TRACY GOODMAN Pontoon Beach have announced the birth of a son.

Adam Kenneth was born at 1:42 p.m. Oct. 5, 1997, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Angela Goodman of St. Louis. Maternal great-grandparents are Joseph and Helen Marino of St. Louis.

Guy and Clara Wilson of Roxana are the paternal grandparents.

Phillip Kimbrel

PHILIP M. AND DENA KIMBREL of Granite City have announced the birth of a daughter.

Phillip Taylor was born at 8:18 a.m. Oct. 6, 1997, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Sherie and Gilbert Cooper of Dupon.

Ella Kimbrel of Granite City and the late Phillip J. Kimbrel are the paternal grandparents.

Alysha Walker

ALEX AND PEARLIE WALKER of Granite City have announced the birth of a daughter.

Alysha Myisha was born at 10:28 a.m. Oct. 7, 1997, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. She weighed 8 pounds and joins Alyson, 6, Anissa, 5, Alyssa, 3, Alicia, 2, and Alex Jr., 1.

Her maternal grandparents are Roosevelt and Bernice Moore of Washington Park.

Andrew Walker Sr. of East St. Louis is the paternal grandfather.

John Buckingham

TONY AND PAM BUCKINGHAM of Granite City have announced the birth of a son.

John Tyler was born at 8:57 a.m. Oct. 8, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces and joins Tasha, 10, Tony, 5, and Cody, 3.

His maternal grandparents are Ralph and Sue Clutts of Granite City.

John and Rosalie Buckingham of Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

Emily Duffin

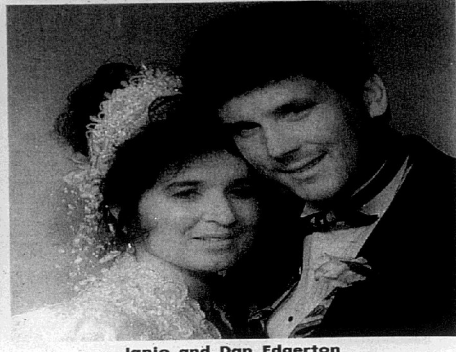
DARIN AND HEIDI DUFFIN of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Emily Anne was born at 10:42 a.m. Oct. 16, 1997, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. She weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and joins Alexander Blaise, 2.

Her maternal grandparents are William Koenig of Hayward, Wis., and Linda Anne Mizzell of Edwardsville.

Edward and Barbara Anne Duffin of Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

WEDDING



Janie and Dan Edgerton

Greathouse — Edgerton

Janie Greathouse and Dan Edgerton were married on Nov. 8, 1997, at St. Stephens Catholic Church in Caseyville.

The bride is the daughter of Esther Greathouse of Pontoon Beach. She is a graduate of Granite City North High School and of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, with a bachelor's degree in graphic arts. She is now employed with NIMA in St. Louis as a cartographer.

The groom is the son of Richard and Annette Edgerton of Madison Heights, Mich. He is a graduate of Lamphreigh High School in Madison Heights, Mich., and of Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., with a degree in geography. He is now employed with NIMA in St. Louis as a cartographer.

Debra Davis attended her cousin as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Susan Edgerton, Terri Grohman, Connie Howard, Michelle Luebber, Kathy Patonis, Maria Puckett, Kathy Sands, and Kim VanDyke.

Bill VanDyke stood with his friend as best man. Groomsmen were Mike Davidson, Tom Edgerton, Charles Greathouse, Mike Greathouse, George Patonis, Paul Patonis, and Steve Smith. Misty Luebber, Michelle McBride, Morgan Luebber, Ron Davis, Nathan Davis, Wesley Howard, Bradley McBride, and Buddy Lampkin Jr.

The couple honeymooned in the islands of Hawaii, and now reside in Maryville.

Saints Alive group holds Valentine's breakfast

MAXINE GREEN

The Madison County Baptist Association senior group "Saints Alive," met Feb. 11 for the annual Valentine Breakfast at Third Baptist Church.

Valentine decorations were used and the meal was catered by Jane Raphael, Dr. Elwyn Wilkenson asked the blessing and breakfast was served to Van Kirkpatrick, Betty Egge-meyer, Vicki Elmore, Deloris Hillis, Vicki Harp, Nace Blind, Myra Grote, Louise Acocks, Dr. Elwyn Wilkenson, Bob Lewis, Carlos Levalet, Eva Barrow, Earl Spalding, Norma Raina, Norma Jolly, Dorothy Sullivan, Lois Patterson, Glen and Phyllis Knight, Dorothy Watkins, Erby and Millie Wood, Ruth Dagon, Rev. Sherman Smith and rev. Robert Carter.

Earl Spalding gave Valentine readings and some Valentine traditions were shared. Nace Blind won the candy heart door prize.

Dr. Wilkenson announced the group will leave the Baptist Center at 2 a.m. on March 10 for the trip to Skeston, Mo. to eat at Lamberts Restaurant and to do some shopping.

The trip to Nashville and Gatlinburg, Tenn., will be May 12-16. Seniors, 50 years or older, call the Baptist Center at 891-0222 for more information.

The next Saints Alive meeting will be at the First Baptist Church in Maryville, on Monday, April 6, starting at 10:30 a.m. with Pot Luck at noon.

A Valentine Banquet was held Saturday evening in the Pontoon Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Group games were played and prizes awarded to each group. Pauline Potter sang "A Heart Like Mine," and Linda Moore sang "In This Life I Was Loved by You." Others attending were Richard and Dorothy Rainey, Louise Haynes, Betty Smith, Harold and Connie McBride and grandson Billy Jr.

Earl and Shirley White, Paul and Izetta Stayduhar, Lucille Martin, Ben and Lula Frost, Sylvia Amassan, Jessie and Rebecca Champion, Nancy Shipley, Mike Dunnivant, Becky Davis, Mike Davis, Clint and Pauline Potter, Rose (Young)

The Ruth class of the Calvary Baptist Church met Tuesday evening in the Fellowship Hall. Lois Schmitt led in prayer after prayer requests were given. Dorothy Watkins gave a devotional on "1998 New Years and Valentines," using various Bible verses.

The treasurer's report was given by Pat Willis. Secretary's report was given by Ruth Dagon and Dorothy Watkins also reported on sending six cents third purchasing food for the church pantry. Virginia Bueschel led six cards and purchasing food for the Irene Badgett, Lois Elvins and Dorothy Watkins. The hostess, Bernice Boyer served refreshments to those listed above and Pauline Hall, Norma Ross, Phyllis Knight. The next meeting will be March 3, at the church.

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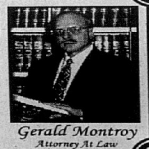
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